GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

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OBCs STATUS TO KUNABI MARATHA CASTE
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to provide OBC status to `Kunabi`Maratha caste/community of Maharashtra region in the central list of OBCs for Maharashtra State;

(b) if so, whether National Commission for Backward Classes also examined the proposal for its inclusion in the list; and

(c) if so, the reasons for not inclusion of this caste in the OBCs list so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF OCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWEMENT (SHRI NAGMANI)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) & (c) The National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) has examined theproposal for the inclusion of `Maratha` caste/community as synonym of `Kunbi` in the Central List of OBCs for Maharashtra State and rejected the proposal as it is not a synonym of `Kunbi`. The Commission has also advised the Government that `Maratha`should also not be included in the Central List of Backward Classesfor Maharashtra as a separate entry, as it is not socially backward caste/community but on the contrary is socially advanced and prestigious caste/community.